

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 780

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Donald Lee Eden of White House.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Donald Lee Eden, an exemplary person and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on June 1, 1946, in Springfield, Donald Eden was the son of Oscar Lee and Mable Rose Eden; he grew up in the Owens Chapel area and graduated from East Robertson High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eden graduated from Cumberland University in 1967 with an Associate of Arts degree and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, a proud patriot, Mr. Eden served in the United States Army 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces SPC5 in Vietnam from May 8, 1970, to April 8, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eden was the founder and president of EUSCO, Inc., which he served from 1972 until his retirement in 2004; he also served on the National Truck Equipment Association Board; and

WHEREAS, a devout man of Christian faith, Mr. Eden was a member of White House First United Methodist Church for forty-nine years, during which time he served on and chaired numerous committees, taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and served as a lay speaker and member of the Laymen's Club; he also served the United Methodist Church on several district committees; and

WHEREAS, an active civil servant, Mr. Eden served as a founding member and past president of the White House Chamber of Commerce, a former board member and past chair of the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce, a founding member of the Robertson County Industrial Board, and a chair of the Robertson County Growth Committee; he was named White House Citizen of the Year in 1994, and from 1995 to 2020, he served as a Farmers Bank board member; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, Mr. Eden had served as a Robertson County Commissioner for District 2 for twelve years; as a commissioner, he chaired the EMS Committee and Personnel Committee and served on the Solid Waste Committee, Audit Committee, and Law Enforcement Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also a major supporter of the Robertson County Drug Court and Robertson County Schools and was a member of the Lions Club and Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eden valued faith, family, and service; he loved the Lord, loved his family, and served his community well; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his loving wife of fifty years, Sherry Eden, he is survived by his children, Donnie (Mandy) Eden and Kim (Mark) Reid; brothers, Joe (Mary) Eden and Randall (Bobbie) Eden; and grandchildren, Christian Reid, Carson Reid, Abby Eden, and Gracie Eden; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Doye James; and

WHEREAS, Donald Eden leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Donald Lee Eden, reflecting fondly upon his resolute service to God and humanity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Eden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.